

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

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Title:

SEMICONDUCTOR PROTECTION ELEMENT, SEMICONDUCTOR

DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop NON-FEE AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: